

# **John Walker Holcombe papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	John Walker Holcombe papers
<b>Date</b>	1885-1886
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

John Walker Holcombe papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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John Walker Holcombe was born to John Warwick and Harriett Bisbee Walker Holcombe on November 18, 1853 in La Porte, Indiana. He was graduated from Harvard University in 1875. He taught in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso for several years, then studied law at the University of Iowa. Upon his return to Indiana, he was appointed chief clerk at the Department of Public Instruction, leaving at the beginning of 1882.

He was elected to the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction in late 1882, serving two terms. In 1887 he moved to Washington, D. C., working first for the bureau of Education and later for the Department of the Interior. He married Effie Burford McOuat [McQuat] on November 2, 1887 in Marion County, Indiana. They had two children. He was the author, editor or subject of several books. He died in Washington, D.C. on February 10, 1940 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

"Holcombe, Harriett Bisbee Walker". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2015/03/11. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Holcombe, John W.". Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941. Retrieved 2015/03/11. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Holcombe, John Walker". (1885). In Biographical sketches of members of the Indiana state government. Indianapolis, IN: Indianapolis Sentinel Company (p.16). Print. ISLI 923 I385 1885

"Holcombe, John Walker". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2015/03/11. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Holcombe, John Walker". (1949). In Indiana Authors and their books, 1816-1916: biographical sketches of authors who published during the first century of Indiana statehood, with lists of their books. (p. 23). Crawfordsville, IN: Wabash College. Print. ISLI 16.810 B291I

"Holcombe, John Walker". Indiana Biography Index Pre-1990. Retrieved 2015/03/11. <https://statelib.lib.in.us>

"Holcombe, John Walker". Indianapolis Star Feb. 13, 1940. Print.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes printed materials from school districts and other organizations in Indiana and other locations ranging from 1883 to 1886 regarding education.

## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/03/11 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2015/03/11 by Edythe Huffman.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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**Corporate Name(s)**

- Indiana. Department of Public Instruction.

**Personal Name(s)**

- Indiana. Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Subject(s)**

- Documents
- Schools--Indiana--History--19th century
- Scrapbooks

## Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Papers, 1883-1886	1	1
Scrapbook, 1885-1886	1	2